

HOUSE BILL 1367

By Halford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58,
relative to emergency management personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-101, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "First responders from emergency management" means emergency management personnel who, as first responders, either go directly to the scene of an emergency or directly support the emergency logistically and may go to and from the disaster or emergency area. "First responders from emergency management" includes law enforcement personnel, firefighters, emergency services or ambulance services, United States military, and United States coast guard personnel, local emergency management agency members, Tennessee emergency management agency personnel, and volunteers who are assigned emergency management duties with them;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-110, is amended by adding the following language at the end of the first sentence:

All emergency management personnel shall be considered first responders from emergency management with all the rights, benefits, privileges, and protections available to them pursuant to state and local laws.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-2-133, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

All emergency management personnel shall be considered first responders from emergency management with all the rights, benefits, privileges, and protections available to them pursuant to state and local laws.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.